

Summer Supply

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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 12, 1930

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your letter of February 11th is at hand. I have two men to suggest who might be of use to you for the summer.

The Rev. H. E. Philips, D.D., missionary of the United Presbyterian Church, Cairo, Egypt, was in our Missionary Apartment House several years ago; a man of fine spirit and presence. In the early part of his stay I sent him down to the Gaston Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, to deliver a missionary address or to conduct a School of Missions. The church was then vacant; they invited him to preach and then invited him to continue as preacher until they got a pastor, which was some six or eight months afterwards. They liked him very much, indeed, and expressed very great appreciation when he closed his engagement.

His wife was a sister of Mrs. Andrew W. Blackwood, who is the wife of the new Professor of Homiletics in the Seminary. Mrs. Philips died a few months ago and he is coming home for the summer on account of his daughter and will be in Princeton from May 15th to September 15th and wishes to get supply preaching for that time. I can recommend him to you very highly.

Professor H. B. Blakely of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., was a member of the Class of 1919, so with you in the Seminary and you may remember him. He was an exceptionally fine fellow and was called to the Chair of New Testament in Columbia Seminary a year ago. He wants to supply some church or churches in the north for three months for the summer of 1930 and would probably be open to an engagement in Elizabeth for that time. He is married.

I suppose that Dr. Philips would be willing to stay in Elizabeth during a part of the week, at least, in order to be on pastoral call. Probably Mr. Blakely would bring along his wife and would be glad to be there all the time, although I don't know about that.

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February 15, 1930

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of February 11 sent to Dr. W. W. White is before me. I had in mind two or three graduate students whom I could recommend for your summer supply work.

One of them is Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Ph.D. who is doing graduate work here and is now teaching the men's class in the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth. I do not believe that there would be anything unethical in his taking this position in another church which is so near at hand and I feel certain that Dr. Spence is thoroughly qualified to do the work which you want done during the summer months. Possibly you will want to inquire further in regard to him or I shall be glad to make an appointment to have him see you.

With all best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

James Palmer

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.
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February 19th.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson D.D.
Second Presbyterian Church.
Elizabeth. N.J.

My dear Robinson.

Please forgive me for not replying to your previous letter before I received yours of February 18. This makes it more difficult for me, for now I have to reply to two letters.

First of all let me thank you for your church magazine it will be placed among my treasures, for it contains, among other valuable things, that which we value most, the photograph of you and your family. We do not wonder at the happy look on your face seeing that you are surrounded by the Robinson cherubim.

I want to express the hope that things will so arrange themselves that I may be allowed the privilege of occupying your pulpit during your stay away. Do not however let this wish of mine in any way interfere with the wishes of the session. In this connection allow me to thank you for your confidence in me.

Now as to the second letter,- It fairly takes my breath away. I have known myself for many years now, ever since I was a little toddler but I must say that until I received your letter I had no idea that I had grown so big!! All I can say is that I hope the Cranford people will believe you. Knowing myself as I do, I would not be at all surprised if they would experience some difficulty in doing so.

Needless to say that I would be very glad to preach there. In that case all the glory and honour would be yours. But even if that privilege is denied me I am indeed grateful for what you have done.

With best wishes from Margaret and myself to you all at the manse.

Cordially yours,

John Harries

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PHILADELPHIA

J. GRESHAM MACHEN

POST OFFICE ADDRESS
206 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 24, 1930.

Rev. Stuart M. Robinson, D. D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
East Jersey Street, near Broad,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Stew:

I am deeply interested in your letter of February 11th, which offers a splendid opportunity to some student of Westminster Seminary. I want to recommend just the right man if I can, and so have not yet posted the notice, as you suggest might be done. But possibly that will be the best notice after all, and I wish I had done so at once. I hope you will pardon me for the delay. When I first read your letter I really did not notice that you had suggested the posting method. Otherwise I should have been glad to follow that method of course. I appreciate very much your writing to me, and when I get back to Philadelphia tomorrow will take care of the matter at once.

It will be a great pleasure to us if you carry out your intention of coming to see us at Westminster Seminary, and I rejoice in your sympathy with what we are doing.

Cordially yours,

J. Gresham Machen

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

February 26, 1930

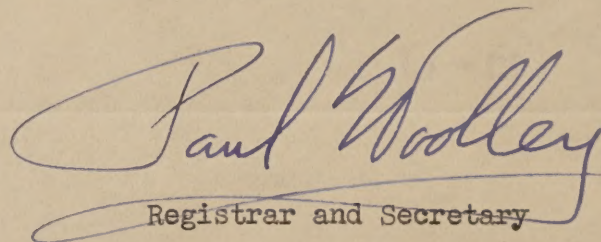
Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
East Jersey Street, Near Broad,
Elizabeth, N. J.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Dr. Machen has just turned over to me your recent letter concerning a summer supply for the Second Presbyterian Church. I have posted the notice which you enclosed, and imagine that you will receive some communications from Westminster students shortly. If so, I should be glad to be of any service in assisting you to select a man who would meet the qualifications which you desire.

Most of our seniors are, of course, taking permanent locations but in the middle class there are a number of rather exceptional men and if some of them apply to you I feel they would do an excellent piece of work in Elizabeth this summer, so if I can be of any further service I should be delighted to hear from you in reference to any individual or individuals who may communicate with you.

Cordially yours,


Registrar and Secretary

58-c, Gladstone Hotel,
11th and Pine Streets,
Philadelphia, Penna.,
February 26, 1930,

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.,

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I found out today that there will be a supply position open in your Church, from July 20 to September 7. I wish to communicate with you in this way, telling you that I would like to apply for the position of supply during your absence this summer.

I am anxious to have some opportunity to preach during this coming summer, so I am writing concerning this opening. I will finish my middle year in Westminster Seminary this May. I am a graduate of Lafayette College. My home Church is the Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, Pa. I am also under the care of Carlisle Presbytery. I am especially interested in the work of the ministry, and appreciate every opportunity to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ." If recommendations are desired by you, I believe that I can furnish the same.

I send my very best wishes to you, hoping to have the privilege of hearing from you.

Most sincerely yours,

Alfred W. Eppard

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February 28, 1930

My dear Dr. Robinson:

A short time ago I wrote to you recommending Dr. Spence for your summer pulpit supply work and you requested me to give you another name.

I am writing to place before you the name of Rev. E. Sylvester Weidman who is a graduate student, in is his early thirties, married, and a very capable preacher. Mr. Weidman is also a song leader but that I suppose would not be of importance in the work you have in mind. He is ordained in the Free Methodist Church and would be prepared to baptize children if necessary. He has had experience in Indianapolis with quite a large congregation.

If you are interested in Mr. Weidman it would be wise to write to him at the above address. Trusting that I amy be of some service to you in this matter, I am

Yours very sincerely,

James Palmer

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.
Second Presbyterian Church
East Jersey Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey

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Feb. 28, 1930.

1506 Pine

Phila Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The other day I read your letter relating to a summer supply in your church. I am interested, so am writing you.

May I say, I am 27 yrs. old - ordained a Baptist Minister but feel the need of more training. At present I am attending Westminster and am also working on my Master's Degree at Penn.

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Prof. Wooley or Robt. D. Wilson
I feel sure, though I haven't asked
them, could give me a reference.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely

Percy Crawford

I.

This past year I have been
supplying at Rhawnhurst Presbyterian
Church in North East Philadelphia.
Last Sunday I had the privilege of
supplying for Dr. Laird of
Collingswood and next Sunday I
expect to exchange pulpits with
Dr. Wells of Olney Pres. Church.

The only possible objection
might be that for six weeks I
expect to attend classes at the
University in the mornings. This
however would only be till Aug. 15th.

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CHESTNUT HILL, PHILADELPHIA

March 3, 1930

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson
Second Presb. Church
Elizabeth, N. J.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

The other day on the bulletin board at Westminster Seminary I saw your letter to Mr. Woolley regarding a supply during your absence this summer, and I am accordingly writing you about the matter.

First, by way of introduction of myself. I am a Senior at Westminster, having studied for two years at Princeton before the break came last summer, and prior to that having taken my A.B. at Williams College in Massachusetts. I am married, and have a small baby girl about sixteen months old.

My present plans, unless the Lord leads otherwise, are to continue my studies, probably at Westminster, during one more year of graduate work, and hence, instead of candidating for a permanent church as the other Seniors are doing at this time, I have in mind some supply work similar to that described in your letter, *for the summer*

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As for my qualifications, such information as you desire may be obtained through the Seminary office or from any of the professors, and I need say nothing more than that I was "born again" in March 1924, that Christ became my personal Saviour then and has been growing increasingly dear to me every passing day, and that more and more He is laying the burden of preaching the "good news" to those still in darkness on my heart. Needless to say, I accept the whole Bible as the Word of God, and preach it as such with no apologies. I have been engaged in evangelistic work for the past two summers, and have done considerable supply preaching in various churches.

One thing, which you should know before even considering me for the position is that I am not a member of the Presbyterian Church, although I am one with them in doctrine except on the matter of the baptism of infants. My convictions along the line of Baptism are Baptist, although I have no official connection with the Baptist church as yet, my church membership still being in the Congregational denomination in which I was brought up.

This factor, while it might well exclude me from consideration as regular

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pastor of any Presbyterian church, ought not to be any great obstacle in the way of my acting as supply for a short period of time. If any occasion should arise where my convictions in this matter should run counter to the accepted custom of the Presbyterian Church, I presume the services of another Presbyterian Minister in the city could be available. But this is a matter for your consideration rather than mine. I am simply informing you of the facts in the case.

If you should care to interview me or have me preach at one of your services in the near future, my engagements at the present moment consist of supply preaching at Beth Ayres next Sunday, March 9th, and at Atlantic City on April 13th. Other week-ends are free at the moment.

I hope to hear from you soon with regard to this matter, and trust that I have given you the necessary information.

Sincerely yours,

Harold T. Combs

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March 3, 1930

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
East Jersey Street near Broad,
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My dear Mr. Robinson:

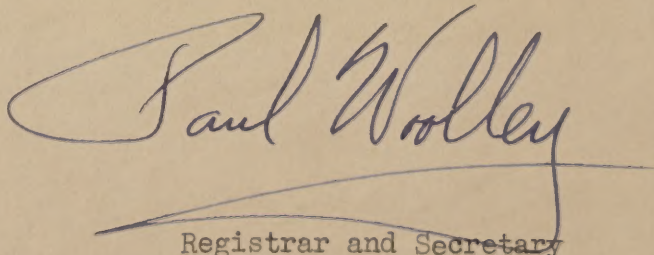
Mr. Arend Roskamp, of our senior class, tells me that he is writing you concerning the possibility of acting as summer supply in the Second Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth this summer.

Mr. Roskamp was at Princeton Seminary for two years, is now taking his senior year here, and plans next year to study further in Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, as it is his intention to ultimately enter the ministry of the Christian Reformed Church.

Mr. Roskamp is married and has, I believe, one small child. Since the time when he was a student at Princeton Mr. Roskamp has been regularly supplying the Presbyterian Church at Farmingdale, N. J. Mrs. Roskamp has lived in Farmingdale and Mr. Roskamp spends the week-end there in the service of the Church. I understand that the Church is anxious to have him continue with them but, in view of his purpose to enter the Christian Reformed ministry, he will be obliged to leave them this summer.

As you will note from his name, Mr. Roskamp is of Dutch extraction but does not make a "foreign" impression in any sense. His English is excellent and he is a very thorough student. If his qualifications appeal to you I could very heartily recommend him for the work of the Second Church.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Woolley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Registrar and Secretary

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 4, '30

DAVID KRAUSE

MANAGER

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson

Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr.

I noticed on our bulletin board your request for a man to fill in your place while you are away. I should like to be considered a candidate for this place.

At present I am serving the Pierce Memorial Presbyterian church at Farmingdale, N.J. while I attend Westminster Sem. I hope to graduate this Spring. I plan to take post graduate work at Grand Rapids Mich. next Fall, so I am leaving my church at Farmingdale. Now it happens that they at Farmingdale give their annual vacation to the pastor at the same time that you need a man to take your place. I will be free then, and since my work at Gr. Rapids does not begin till late in Sept. I will be free during the time that you wish to be helped out.

I cannot hope to do this work as it ought to be done, but I would do my best. Would you consider me?

Yours very sincerely:

Arend Roskamp

Address: Gladstone Hotel

or Presbyterian Manse, Farmingdale, N.J.

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235 E.49th.St.,
New York, N.Y.
March 6, 1950.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your letter was delayed in delivery, hence the tardiness in answering. The proposition you make in your letter appeals to me in various ways. The time is a little later in the season than I had in mind, but I can make other arrangements for the early part of the summer.

It will be convenient for me to be with you over a week end at any time you designate. However, as I am leader of a group of young people in a Brooklyn church each Sunday evening, I should like to return for the evening service. Kindly address me at the Seminary.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N.J.

E. Sylvester Ufeidman.

58-c, Gladstone Hotel,
Philadelphia, Penna.,
March 24th, 1930,

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N. J.,

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of February 27th. I haven't heard or seen you so I thought that I would write to you again concerning the opportunity of serving in your Church for a part of the summer season. I am wondering whether my name is under consideration for this opening.

I am anxious to have some preaching to do for this coming summer, so I am especially interested in the opportunity which you have offered. I am interested in the work and such a work of ministry would command my best interests. I will be able to furnish recommendations, if you desire such.

Best wishes to you in your
ministry, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Alfred W. Eppard.